

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is directed to a wide input voltage range surge suppressor. It includes a series circuit for attachment to an upstream AC power input, and to a downstream load. There is a nonlinear low pass L-C filter having an inductor (and in some preferred  
5 embodiments, a low Q linear inductor) and a diode bridge, wherein the diode bridge includes at least one large value capacitor. There are two or three electrolytic capacitors of the nonlinear low pass L-C filter diode bridge in preferred embodiments. There is also a two section high pass  
10 filter connected to the electrolytic capacitor. This two section high pass filter has at least two diversely rated capacitors and at least three diversely rated resistors. A voltage offset diode is connected to the two section high pass filter and at least one electronic switch is connected to the voltage offset diode, with at least one capacitor connected to the  
15 electronic switch. The electronic switch is preferably a silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) switch. In some preferred embodiments of the present invention, wide input voltage range surge suppressor there is at least one capacitor connected to the electronic switch and it is at least one electrolytic capacitor of the nonlinear low pass L-C filter diode bridge. In  
20 addition to the foregoing, the present invention wide input voltage range surge suppressor electronic switch includes at least one series resistor for current drive balance assurance.